MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Not that I am aware of.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Government will enquire into the fact why that one and a half miles is closed now?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes.

Nedumangad-Vembayam road.

28. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the condition of the Nedumangad-Vembayam road is dirty ;

(*b*) how long it is since the road remained in the present condition ;

(*c*) the allotment for its annual maintenance ;

(*d*) whether the allotment is too low ;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, why it is not raised and the road maintained properly ;

(*f*) whether there is any proposal to metal the road ;

(*g*) whether any estimate for the purpose has been submitted and sanctioned ; and

(*h*) when the road will be improved ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) Rs. 600 per annum.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) This does not arise.

(*f*) Yes, the third and fourth miles.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) When funds are available.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : With reference to answer to part (*a*) may I know from the Government whether the Chief Engineer has inspected the road recently?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know who has supplied the answer to the Government that the road is not dirty and is not in a useless condition now?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings and Irrigation*) : The Division Officer.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know the date on which the Division Officer has inspected the road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The Division Officer has reported on 2-7-1936.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether the Government are aware that the Chief Engineer or the Division Officer or the Sub-Division Officer has inspected the road after I had sent up the question?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No, sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government will be pleased to order the Chief Engineer or any other responsible officer of the Engineering Department to look into the present condition of the road and improve it?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The road has been inspected and from the report it is seen that the condition of the road is not as the member states.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to answer to part (*d*) may I know whether the allotment for the Vembayam road is not sufficient?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It is a question of opinion. The allotment can be said to be insufficient only when we compare the importance of the road and the allotments for other roads.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether they are aware that vehicles that pass through that road are compelled to pay two different P. W. D. tolls in two different places?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I accept that statement from the hon'ble member.

Maintenance of roads in the Nedumangad taluk.

29. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the rate, per mile, of annual allotment for the maintenance of the following roads in the Nedumangad taluk, *viz.*:

(*i*) the Nedumangad-Vembayam road;
(*ii*) the Anad-Venjaramood road;
(*iii*) the Kazhanad-Vattapara road;
(*iv*) the Nedumangad-Kattakada road;
(*v*) the Kattichal-Poovachal road;
(*vi*) the Pacha-Vidura road; and
(*vii*) the Arianad-Vidura road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*):

(i) Nedumangad-Vembayam road (Nedumangad-Vembayam road) miles 1, 2, and 5 at Rs. 100 per mile, miles 3 and 4 at Rs. 150 per mile.

(ii) Venjaramood road and Anad branch road (Anad-Venjaramood road) Rs. 150 per mile (8¾ miles).

(iii) Kazhanadu road (Kazhanadu-Vattapara road) at Rs. 50 per mile (4 1/4 miles).

(iv) Vel'anad road (Nedumangad-Kattakada road) 1 to 3 miles at Rs. 250 per mile, 4 to 7 3/8 at Rs. 100 per mile.

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